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Letter dated 18 April 2002 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith, for the attention of the members of the Council, a report of the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines to facilitate full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991).

The report was approved by the Committee on 18 April 2002.

(*Signed*) Ole Peter **Kolby**
Chairman
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concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait

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Annex

Report of the Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait pursuant to paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines to facilitate full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991)

1. The present report is submitted by the Security Council Committee established by resolution 661 (1990) concerning the situation between Iraq and Kuwait, in accordance with paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines to facilitate full international implementation of paragraphs 24, 25 and 27 of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991 (S/22660, annex), which were approved by the Security Council in resolution 700 (1991) of 17 June 1991.

2. Under paragraph 6, subparagraph (f), of the guidelines, the Committee is required to report at 90-day intervals to the Security Council on the implementation of the arms and related sanctions against Iraq contained in the relevant resolutions of the Security Council. The present report is the forty-fourth of its kind under the above-mentioned guidelines.

3. By paragraph 12 of the guidelines, all States are requested to report to the Committee any information that may have come to their attention relating to possible violations by other States or foreign nationals of the arms and related sanctions against Iraq. After repeated consideration of a letter dated 7 September 2001 from the Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations drawing the Committee's attention to reports in the German media concerning an alleged Iraqi attempt to develop its weapons of mass destruction programmes, the Committee agreed in February 2002 to send letters to the States directly concerned requesting them to investigate the matter. Also during the reporting period, the Committee considered another communication, dated 1 February 2002, from the United Kingdom referring to a media report containing allegations that Belarus had provided military training to Iraqi military officials. In its response to the Committee's enquiry, the Government of Belarus categorically denied that allegation and reiterated its unswerving adherence to and strict observance of all the provisions of Security Council resolutions.

4. By paragraphs 13 and 15 of the guidelines, all States and international organizations are required to consult the Committee on the question whether certain items fall within the provisions of paragraph 24 of resolution 687 (1991), as well as in cases relating to dual-use or multiple-use items which are meant for civilian use but have the potential for diversion or conversion to military use. During the period under review, the Committee has not been consulted by any State or international organization on questions relating to dual-use or multi-use items.

5. By paragraph 14 of the guidelines, international organizations are requested to take all appropriate steps to assist in ensuring full compliance with the arms and related sanctions against Iraq, including providing to the Committee any information of this kind that may come to their attention. During the period covered by this report, no such information has been brought to the attention of the Committee.

6. The Committee will continue its efforts to fulfil the mandate entrusted to it by the Security Council. Since the last report of the Secretary-General, dated 4 December 1991 (S/22884/Add.2), no further communications have been received from Member States pursuant to paragraph 4 of Security Council resolution 700 (1991).